

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. )  
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for ) **File No. ER-2024-0189**  
Authority to Implement a General Rate )  
Increase for Electric Service )

## ORDER ACCEPTING STAFF'S REPORT ON FIFTH PRUDENCE REVIEW

Issue Date: January 14, 2025

Effective Date: February 14, 2025

On June 28, 2024, the Commission's Staff filed Notice of the Start of the Fifth RESRAM Prudence Review of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (EMW) for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. On December 18, 2024, the Commission's Staff filed its Report. Staff found no evidence that EMW's management of renewable energy standard compliance costs during the most recent review period was imprudent.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 240-20.100(6)(A)26 requires Staff to file a notice of the commencement of a prudence audit and to file its recommendation no later than 180 days thereafter. Pursuant to the same rule, other parties to the case have 190 days after initiation of the prudence audit to request a hearing. The rule requires the Commission to issue an order no later than 210 days after the staff commences its prudence audit if no party to the prudence audit proceeding requests a hearing within 190 days of the Staff's commencement of the audit. No party has done so. Therefore, the Commission may now consider Staff's report and recommendation.

Staff's report states the Commission first authorized a Renewable Energy Standard Rate Adjustment Mechanism (RESRAM) for what was then GMO (now operating as EMW) in File EO-2014-0151. The report states that Staff reviewed the following major cost categories included for recovery in EMW's RESRAM:

- Solar Rebates – Costs associated with the payment of solar rebates to participating customers.
- Contractors – Administrative costs for contractors employed to administer the solar rebate program and third party contractors employed to randomly audit solar installations.
- Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) – Costs associated with the retirement of RECs.
- Solar RECs (S-RECs) – Costs associated with the retirement of RECs generated by solar sources.
- North American Renewables Registry (NAR) – Administrative costs associated with registering RECs and S-RECs.
- Carrying Costs – Financing charges applicable to renewable energy standard (RES) compliance costs based on the Company's short-term debt rate.
- St. Joseph Landfill – Fuel and Non-Fuel O&M Expenses.

For the review period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, Staff did not find evidence that EMW's management of RES compliance costs was imprudent. The Commission finds Staff's report and recommendation regarding its prudence review of EMW's RESRAM to be reasonable. No party has requested a hearing or otherwise objected to Staff's recommendation. Therefore, the Commission will accept Staff's report.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff's Report regarding its prudence audit of the costs subject to Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Renewable Energy Standard Rate Adjustment Mechanism is accepted.

2. This order shall be effective on February 14, 2025.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

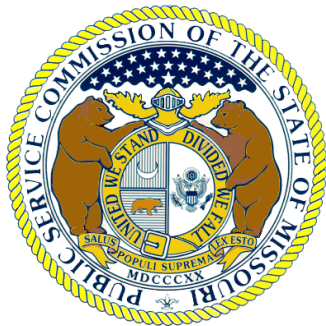
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**January 14, 2025**

**File/Case No. ER-2024-0189**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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